

Office of the Director

What does this program do?

The role of the Office of the Director is to provide leadership and direction for approximately 8,500 employees of the seven divisions of the Department of Social Services (DSS). In its leadership role, the Office of the Director:

- coordinates and monitors the division's operational plans and major policy initiatives;
- identifies emerging issues and formulates the department's response to them;
- ensures appropriate and effective use of public funds appropriated to the department;
- creates public/private partnerships to confront and resolve issues facing children and families;
- is Missouri's voice in national human services forums; and
- is the liaison between those who administer the department's programs and the Governor's Office, the General Assembly, other state agencies, other state governments, the federal government, citizens, provider groups, the business community and philanthropic organizations.

Four program divisions (Children's Division, Family Support Division, Division of Youth Services and Division of Medical Services) and three support divisions (Divisions of Budget and Finance, General Services and Legal Services) report to the Office of the Director.

What is the authorization for this program?

State statute: RSMo 660.010

Is this a federally mandated program? No.

Are there federal matching requirements?

There is no federal matching requirement. However, expenditures are pooled with other administrative expenditures to earn a federal indirect rate.

What are the expenditures?

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Planned
GR	\$598,354	\$431,583	\$429,369	\$430,590
FEDERAL	\$13,530	\$12,565	\$11,870	\$13,874
OTHER	\$47,785	\$45,370	\$56,056	\$59,444
TOTAL	\$659,669	\$489,518	\$497,295	\$503,908

What are the sources of other funds?

Child Support Enforcement Collections Fund

How many staff are budgeted for this program?

Budgeted Staff

FY-2003	12
FY-2004	9
FY-2005	9
FY-2006	8